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So Winter is coming, snow on the ground, toilet door hanging off the hinges, no toilet roll in the lavs, showers tepid, ahh the joys of spring are upon me (you can I lost my game)

2 teams at home, 2 teams away as always, the buzz of the crowd, the smell of John Keating's heat spray waffing in like a spring meadow, the sweet sweet smell of stale sweat. Anyone brave enough to sit on those sofa's on the balcony wants a good talking too ...

I lost quite badly, can you tell ?

H1

Hassy I v cheetham hill at home match report won 14-7 we all new a win was coming always nice against teams above us and usually end up above us at the end of the season unfortunately I missed Simon Latham on first but was told he was outstanding and can believe it from playing him in ladder so great start up next Gordon against South Africa's best youngster putting him in his place with a 3-0 no nonsense performance well played pal up next foxy against a tricky customer all the usual banter at one point both players floored at the same time bringing the bacon home and performance of the night 3-1 Great stuff John me up next against a chap who battered me last time still lost 3-0 but definitely a bit closer so last on Tan the man and unfortunately had a bad day at the office tonight but at the pub after plenty of banter Gordon on good cocky form happy days well played tonight lads st peters at home need to know who's available cheers

H2

H2 v fairways lodge 1

Tim v Paul

Tim - playing at 5, nice easy welcome back to team squash ??? we've missed you buddy. Fast, slick, at the front and H2 has its first game on the board. This Paul character is a bit if a weird one - plays with both hands ?? Yes so everything is a forehand ??? What the hell ?? Really good squash form these boys but Tim on the receiving end of two many tight boasts - so its 1-2 down what can our man do ? Run like chuff - that's what !! 11-6 !!! Game on 2-2 and Tim's opponent is blowing !! What a final game !! Pure Burnley resilience showing through (that's stubborn to me & you !!) not prepared to lose and lose he didn't - ladies & gents we have a match winner marvellous Metcalf !! 3-2

Simon w v Alex

Didn't see this one but I can see from my posh friend demeanour that Mr B obviously was a shit marker lol ! 0-3 defeat but closer than it looked on the card and still no no where near match "w"

Simon b v Gary

Well you couldn't leave your seat in this match - because our Simon was 0-2 down before you could blink. match "w" definitely on the horizon!! But then a beautiful

thing happened Mr B moved forwards and what do you know he has a lead 9-7 could it be first game for the panther ?? Nope - ffs - 9-11 down, Match lost

Chris v Sam

Always going to be interesting playing these young lads and so it was 5-11, 3-11 cmon Nuts let's have a game. Tried, ran, failed (funny sure I wrote that last week too) got some shots I didn't think I'd get so not all bad but and of these days I will get game !!! Match "w" a definite possibility!!!

Simon h v Tom

Just to set the scene - Toms not lost all year not even prepared to say which year !! Warm up certainly went to Tom but let's see where we get to. Simon said he was going to run & run and so he did sweating more than a paedophile at the school gates our Simon has opened his lungs to this one. Time helping (marker) giving home the odd stroke instead of let's - but hey hoy it's nothing major. 0-2 down let's see if our ginger hero can muster the beans that count ?? Nope 0-3 game over but still an A for effort

There we have it 1-4 point for H2 and match "W" claimed by our Mr B by a single point !!!

H3 (lost 1-4)

Captain Wolverine missing for two weeks, so any of you fancy burgling his gaff, now is the time. Not so much the X men, more the why ? as we keep our perfect record going under the steady hand of yours truly

Now I had sent a message saying I wanted us done and dusted, showered and pie'd up by 9.30, do they listen to me ? No they had to go and show heart bravery and a total lack of respect, wrapping this rascal up at 10.30, and me having to slip Sean a brown one for staying late

Bruce v Eric Longski 0-3

Why do I keep playing beanpoles ?, Man this guy was a whopper, playing after coming back from injury, I suspect tying his shoe laces, long way down that ! I am getting back to where I was, but it's a long road but at least a calm happy one these days. I have found my inner Paul Shore, my inner ginger weasel was on full notch, alas not to be- hom

Keating The Kat v Tony 2-3

John has bedded very nicely in, and feels like he has been with us for ages The Kat showed the reflexes of a fighter pilot tonight, unbelievable reflex reactions and a forehand drop that had us all purring on the balcony, like a local cattery after the cat biscuits had been brought out. John was toying with him like a small rodent, but the rat had other ideas and squeaked him at the death, so close, so very close

Walshy v Wayne 3-2

The Walsh household must not have any mirrors, the dress sense is off the scale, those green trainers made my eyes water, I think he's nicked um off the green cross code bloke

Anyway the flash is back , this was vintage Walshy grinding his man into submission. The green trainers kept making me think Peter Pan, that and the bloke he played had a look of Smee, A win a rare beast for any of us, Fab running you beauty

Dan v Graham 0-3

When I arrived Graham was already there, he was asleep on one of them lovely sofa's, filling both spaces nicely

Obviously channelling his inner and outer Buda

I was marking or showering or sulking, so I didn't see any of it. Danny said some rude words about it and it was over double quick, unlucky son

Andy v John 1-3

I was sweating on the Poomeister arrival like Alex Salmond is presently. The new slim version Andy having recently shook off a spot of black death rolled in around 8

A shaft of light shone through the clouds and a chorus of Angels gently hummed as the Messiah arrived, Hallelujah

Andy Played John, one of the most nicest chaps who turns into a right plank when he shuts the door. This game kicking off at 9.45, what about the pies I kept shouting It was a ferocious encounter, that saw John edge it out, but only just.

Prick(ly) encounter that didn't need or deserve that nasty edge from TV on what had been a pleasant evening

As we left the stadia, Andy was outside applying snow to his nether regions and steaming like a huge one that had just been laid out in his squash gear minus trainers. Spring is just round the corner

Great effort lads thankyou

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H4

Haslingden won , 17 points to 7 (2-3)

The finely tuned machine that is Haslingden 4 wins again.

It was a little bit closer than we would have liked but a win away from fortress Pickup Stadia is still gladly received.

Dave C on first against the lesser of the many Muller's, Sam. Narrowly lost the first, came back to take the second, lost the third, came back to narrowly win the fourth. Bit of a theme going on here! Not sure what happened in fifth, it all went Pete Tong. In fairness to Dave it became clear as the night progressed that Sam should have been playing #3, not 5 ☺. But 2 points gets us off and running.

Ray on next to play Shan. Not sure I've seen a lady try to hit it so hard, so often, and yet not really succeed. Ray is no soft touch though. No sentiment here. Comfortable 3-0 win. We're back in the game.

Steve R against the (not very) mobile wardrobe that is Andrew Coop. An ambidextrous wardrobe too, there's a first. Steve was having none of it though. Comfortable 3-0 win.

So, 2-1 up, could our new youth policy import Aaron get us over the line. Raw, rough around the edges, but works hard and still undefeated. Lost the first but began to apply the basics of playing wider after a stern talking to, games were tight but he came out on the right side of the score. A 3-1 win means a guaranteed win for the mighty 4ths.

Finally I (Derek) up against son of wardrobe . Rather more mobile young man, and more skilful too. But fortunately for me he made mistakes which kept me in the hunt. Lost the first 17-19, if only. I had my chances! Won the second , damn if only I'd closed out the first his head would go I'm sure. Couldn't sustain it, going down 1-3, but fortunately my boys had taken the pressure off by giving me a free pass. Special thanks to guest marker Finley McVicker (I didn't mean to give you a hard time Fin, only mucking about honest).

Next week it's TV6, another one we ARE going to win. Start chewing the raw meat now boys. Grrrrrrr.

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